

February 14	Faculty of Science Postgraduate Orientation Day
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All postgraduate students in the Faculty of Science are invited to take part in the first Faculty of Science Postgraduate Orientation Day. The programme is given below. The first session from 08h30 is for students who are registering for their Masters or PhDs for the first time, and would like some assistance in completing a MOU. The sessions from 11h00 onwards are open to everyone.

Programme

- 08h30-10h30 **SciLab D Annex** (Prof Nicola Illing, Deputy Dean)
Introduction to MOU and PPA for new Masters and Doctoral students
Supervisors welcome to take part
- 11h00-17h30 **Hlanganani Junction, Level 5, UCT Main Library**
- 11h00-11h10 Welcome and Opening of Science PG Orientation**
(Prof Susan Bourne, Interim Dean of Science)
- 11h10-11h20 Who is who in the Faculty office, and how they can support you; the cycle of registration, progress assessment on PeopleSoft and Submission
(Prof Nicola Illing, Deputy Dean)
- 11h20-11h30 Postgraduate student funding landscape (Prof Nicola Illing, Deputy Dean)
- 11h30-11h45 Introduction to Science Postgraduate Student Council- their portfolios, planned activities for the year; how to get engaged in the postgraduate community
- 11h45-12h15 Ice-breaker (Pippin Andersen)
- 12h15-12h45 Transformation- Building inclusion-your role as a postgraduate
(14h315h4517h00UPgrad, Transformation: Office for Inclusivity and Change)
- 12h45-13h30 Lunch
- 13h30-14h30 Challenges of the Research Journey- Panel discussion-
Ms Liisa Shangheta (Oceanography)
Mr Chad Peel (Geology)
Ms Rebeng Maine (Molecular and Cell Biology)
Ms Ibiye Dagogo (Chemistry)
Ms Julia Healy (Astronomy)
Mr Laique Merlin Djeutchouang (Oceanography, DJTMER001@myuct.ac.za)
Dr Philile Mbatha, Environmental and Geographical Sciences
- Issues to be discussed (in no particular order)
- Reflect on your journey
 - What do if you are feeling ill or sad or lonely
 - Funding opportunities and challenges
 - The most fun part of my research project

- The most challenging part of my research
- Writing up your Masters or Doctoral thesis
- What to do if you have a disagreement with your supervisor, or you unhappy with their style of supervision.
- How to deal with pressures as a postgraduate student. Finding a work-life balance
- International students- the major challenges
- Living in Cape Town-Accommodation & Transport
- Challenges of experimental and field work

Chaired by Maleshigo Komane (V13h3013h14h3014 | Pice-chairperson: SPSC 2018),

Information sessions: 10 minutes talking, 5 minutes for questions

- 14h30-14h45 Prof Peter Meissner, Director of Postgraduate Studies at UCT:
Courses and Activities for Postgraduate Students at UCT in 2019
- 14h45-15h00 Writing Centre- services offered and advice to postgraduate students (Juliet Nagawa)
- 15h00-15h15 David Gammon- Getting involved at UCT as a Postgraduate student; there is more to life at UCT than just your research.
- 15h15-15h30 Careers Service- services offered and advice to postgraduate student (Ingrid van der Merwe)
- 15h30-15h45 Jammie Shuttle Service- transport to UCT (Unathi Mxatule and Alicia Leonard)
- 15h45-16h00 Tea and Coffee
- 16h00-16h15 Lara Donaldson: Upgrading to a PhD- how to upgrade, pro's and con's to consider
- 16h15-16h30 Support for International Students at UCT: IAPO (Nicola Latchiah)
- 16h30-16h45 Student Wellness Centre-Support Services at UCT and dealing with stress (Ms Carol Sterling)
- 16h45-17h00 Campus Protection Services: how to stay safe on Campus (Martin Gewelaar accompanied by Cindy Heckly)
- 17h00-18h00 Social event with refreshments, music and performances (Science Student Postgraduate Council)

Science Postgraduate Student Council (SPSC): Maripa Ledwaba; Ibiye Dagogo, Sim Dlamini, Zwidofhelangani Khangale, Bellinda Monyela)

Academic committee: Nicola Illing, Lara Donaldson, Pippin Andersen, Tommy Meyer and Andy Buffler

